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The second part is a **Country Profile**, which includes detailed historical information, political structure and parties, and a thorough look at population, labor market, media, trade, industry, agriculture and energy.

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The **World Overview** section follows the country profiles, and offers an expertly written narrative on the political and economic climate of each of the five regions covered; Africa, The Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. This narrative includes key indicators, currencies and a map of the region. The final part is the **Global Overview**, which summarizes and integrates the information from each Country Overview and each region covered by the World Overview into a comprehensive look at the status and developments of countries worldwide. Like the individual country chapters, these regional chapters include Maps, political and economic climates, Currencies, and Key Indicators.

*Nations of the World* is also available as a CD-ROM, as a companion to the print directory. Each country entry from the print edition is reproduced in Adobe .PDF format for easy searching and to give the user the ability to print specific entries. In this age of computerization, having this handy reference tool only a click away is a valuable and useful option.

*Nations of the World* is a reliable, careful compilation of essential information that is presented in a useful, organized format, a reference that is critical for anyone doing business or traveling overseas. It has also proved to be an important reference tool for students from secondary school through college, as well as for professionals from the political arena to reconstruction.

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